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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 ZION T. GRAE-EL, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 CITY OF SEATTLE, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C21-1678JLR

MINUTE ORDER

15 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable
16 James L. Robart:

17 Before the court is *pro se* Plaintiffs Zion T. Grae-El and Caprice Strange's
18 (collectively, "Plaintiffs") response to the State Defendants'¹ motion for summary
19 judgment and the State Defendants' reply in support of their motion. (Resp. (Dkt. # 94);
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21 ¹ The State Defendants are the Washington State Department of Children Youth and
22 Families, Annaliese Ferreria, Greg McCormack, Christine Spencer, Rosalynda Carlton, Derick
Reinhardt, Schawna Jones, Rebecca Webster, Rachel Zakpyko, Corey Grace, Stephanie Allison-
Noone, and Tabitha Pomeroy. (*See* MSJ (Dkt. # 92).)

1 Reply (Dkt. # 95).) Although Plaintiffs' response to the motion for summary judgment
2 was due on Monday, September 26, 2022 (*see* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(d)(3)),
3 they did not file their response until Thursday, September 29 (*see* Dkt.). The State
4 Defendants ask the court to either strike Plaintiffs' late-filed response or allow them
5 additional time to file their reply. (Reply at 2.)

6 The court declines to strike Plaintiffs' response. Instead, the court GRANTS the
7 State Defendants' request for an extension of the deadline to file their reply; ORDERS
8 the State Defendants to file their reply in support of their motion for summary judgment
9 by Tuesday, October 11, 2022; and DIRECTS the Clerk to renote the State Defendants'
10 motion for summary judgment (Dkt. # 92) on October 11, 2022.

11 Finally, the court notes that in addition to being late, Plaintiffs' response brief does
12 not conform to the court's local rules regarding the formatting of motions. *See* Local
13 Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 10(e) (setting forth requirements for margins, fonts, and line
14 spacing). The court reminds Plaintiffs that the local rules are not optional and that they
15 are responsible for complying with them. (*See* 1/10/22 Order (Dkt. # 23) (informing
16 Plaintiffs that they must comply with the court's rules and directing them to resources
17 available to assist pro se litigants).) Further failure to comply with the rules may result in
18 the court striking Plaintiffs' filing and/or otherwise imposing sanctions.

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1 Filed and entered this 30th day of September, 2022.

2 RAVI SUBRAMANIAN
3 Clerk of Court

4 s/ Ashleigh Drecktrah
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